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## CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

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TO:

**Employee Trust Funds Board** 

Teacher's Retirement Board Wisconsin Retirement Board

FROM:

Arlene Larson, Manager

Self-Insured Health Plans

Division of Insurance Services

SUBJECT: It's Your Choice Enrollment Period Established

## This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

At its April 13, 2010, meeting, the Group Insurance Board established the It's Your Choice (IYC) enrollment period as a four-week period from October 4-29, 2010. Previously the IYC enrollment period had run for three weeks in October.

Several factors motivated the expansion of the enrollment period from three to four weeks. These include:

- Employees and annuitants will now be able to electronically enter their health insurance change information for submission to the employer and/or the Department of Employee Trust Funds. While this should make the enrollment process more efficient, there is likely to be a learning curve associated with the new process.
- Since many IYC books are offered to employees electronically, printing volumes have been significantly lowered and print production and distribution timeframes may be shortened.
- Over the years, members have been asking for a longer enrollment period. Due to the tight booklet production and distribution deadlines, in addition to payroll processing steps, we have been unable to accommodate these requests - until now.

Staff has consulted with payroll representatives and believes a four-week enrollment period can be accommodated.

I will be available at the Board meeting should you have any questions.

Reviewed and approved by Lisa Ellinger, Division of Insurance Services.			
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